Tyler Woloszyk

Moscow, Russia

Division of Intercollegiate Athletics Scholarship Recipient

Tyler's Major: International Studies

Sport: Men's Track and Field

Term Abroad: Summer

Why did you decide to study abroad? I have always enjoyed traveling and wanted to push myself out of my comfort zone. I also think it is very important, especially in this day and age, to know a second language and to experience a foreign culture firstand.

Describe the academic experience. I took part in the American Council's BRLI program, which combines Russian business language courses and an internship. Not only did I acquire valuable working experience in a Russian firm, but I also came home with credits going towards my major.

What impact did studying abroad have on you? Going abroad helped me to build a global competence, or a realization that other cultures hold many attitudes and beliefs that are different than the ones that we have here in the U.S. I was also encouraged to be more open-minded, and that there are often a variety of ways to interpret and analyze situations and events.

As a recipient of this scholarship, do you have any tips or suggestions for others considering applying for the scholarship? If you are considering studying abroad, be aware that there are many resources on campus that are more than willing to help you make it a reality. The Athletic Department was very supportive of my dream to go to study in Russia, and the financial aid that I received from them was very generous. Although the experienes that you will acquire studying or working abroad will undoubtedly outweigh the costs, the Athletic Department took that financial burden off of my shoulders and allowed me to freely immerse myself in the Russian culture during those eight weeks.



Tyler studied abroad on the ACTR Russian Language program in Moscow, Russia.

"Bring the experiences you acquired while participating in a college sport. Athletics is such a unifying force in our world, and people will really want to hear and learn more about what you play."